

## PATENT APPLICATION

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation☒ Divisional☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/027,469, filed February 23, 1998.

For (Title): AN APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING LIGHT SHIELDING IN A LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY (AS AMENDED)

By (Inventors): Masao MURADE

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= *0
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+270	\$
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3. ☒ Check No. 117248 in the amount of \$710 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
4. ☒ Cancel claims 1-29 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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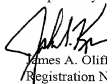
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5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a Divisional of Application No. 09/027,469 filed February 23, 1998. The entire disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
6. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-39 are attached.  
☐ Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.
7. ☒ Priority of foreign application Nos. 9-044378 filed February 27, 1997 in Japan and No. 9-301251 filed October 31, 1997 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).  
☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/027,469 on February 23, 1998.  
☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
8. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_--
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Seiko Epson Corporation recorded at Reel 9247, Frame 0329.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:  
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11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13. ☐ Small entity status:  
☐ a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.  
☐ b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
14. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
16. ☒ The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463, Joel S. Armstrong, Registration No. 36,430, Christopher W. Brown, Registration No. 38,025, and/or Richard E. Rice, Registration No. 31,560.  
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☐ b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.
17. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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